(ख) यदि हां, तो बांका में दूरदर्शन केन्द्र कब तक खोलने का विचार है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Doordarshan Viewership

4488. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that popularity of Zee T.V. programmes has reduced the viewership of Delhi Doordarshan ;

(b) if so, whether the revenue-earning of Doordarshan has been affected due to shift in advertisements from Doordarshan to Zee T.V. ; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to increase the popularity of Doordarshan programmes, especially Channel-I, and to check the shift in advertisements ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) No, Sir. Doordarshan programmes continue to enjoy higher viewership.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part a) & (b).

Extension of Second Channel of Doordarshan

4489. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the second Channel of Doordarshan to more areas ;

(b) if so, which are the areas to be covered and by when ;

(c) what is the total population to be benefited therefrom ; and

(d) what will be the salient features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The requisite details are given in the Statement. As per present indications, these Low Power Transmitters (LPTs) are expected to be commissioned into service during 1994-95.

(c) On completion of the schemes under implementation, Metro Channel programmes are expected to be available to about 904.60 lakh population terrestrially as against 780.68 lakh population, as at present, in the country.

(d) The primary coverage range of the LPTs would be about 13—18 Kms. each, depending upon the mast height and terrain conditions.

Statement

List showing the locations of existing Low Power Transmitters as well as those which are under implementation in the country for relay of Metro Channel programmes of Doordarshan

Locations of Low Power Transmitters

Sl. No.	Existing	Under implementation
1.	Delhi	Bhopal
2.	Bombay	Ahmedabad
3.	Calcutta	Trivendrum
4.	Madras	Bangalore
5.	Cuttack	Patna
6.	Hyderab	Jaipur
7.	Lucknow	Jalandhar

F.M. Channles

4490. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the wavelengths and timing of broadcasts on F.M. Channels ;

(b) whether any private agencies like "Times of India" etc. are permitted to broadcast programmes on F.M. Channels ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) 83 radio stations in the